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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to require an
- 2 annual sexual assault climate survey, a report, and training.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Each public postsecondary educational institution
2 shall annually administer an anonymous sexual assault climate survey to
3 its students and report campus-specific results of the survey to the
4 institution's governing board.

5 (2) Participation in the survey shall be voluntary. No student shall
6 be required to participate or coerced into participating in the survey.
7 No student shall face retribution or negative consequences of any kind
8 for declining to participate.

9 (3) Each governing board shall develop a survey and establish
10 procedures for administration of the survey.

11 (4) On or before September 1, 2018, and each September 1 thereafter,
12 each governing board shall electronically submit a report to the
13 Legislature regarding sexual assault complaints made to each public
14 postsecondary educational institution under the board's control during
15 the previous academic year. The report shall not include the personal
16 information of victims or perpetrators. The governing board shall also
17 post the report on the web site for each institution under its control
18 and in any other manner or venue the board deems necessary or
19 appropriate. The report shall include information regarding:

20 (a) Types of misconduct;

21 (b) The outcome of each complaint;

22 (c) Disciplinary actions taken by the institution; and

23 (d) Number of reports involving alleged nonstudent perpetrators.

24 (5) On or before January 1, 2019, each governing board shall develop
25 a program for training for all individuals involved in implementing
26 student grievance procedures relating to sexual assaults or sexual
27 misconduct policy violations, including individuals responsible for
28 resolving complaints and interviewing alleged victims. The training
29 program shall be developed in consultation with state or local victim
30 services organizations. Each public postsecondary educational institution
31 shall ensure that such individuals receive such training beginning no

1 later than the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

2 (6) For purposes of this section, governing board means the Board of
3 Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the
4 Nebraska State Colleges, and the board of governors for each community
5 college area.